



Summary January 6, 2011 USTAR Governing Authority Board Minutes

Attendance:

Dinesh Patel, Chair; Cynthia Burrows, Scott Anderson, Charlie Precourt, Spencer Eccles, Hunter Jackson, Richard Elliss, Ted McAleer, USTAR Ex. Dir.

Excused Absence: Jim Dreyfous, Rich Linder, Dan Olsen

Guests: USTAR: Curt Roberts, Michael O'Malley, Steve Roy, Ronda Robbins Jones, Suzanne Winters, Mary Cardon; University of Utah: Jack Brittain and Patty Ross UofU; Utah State University: LB Bolton, Rob Behunin; USTAR Advisory Council: Jeff Edwards; UTC: Michael Feldman, Christian Volmar, Ben Rollins, Noah Minskoff, Steve Roy, Rich Nelson, UTC, Josh Ewing and Tom Love, Love Communications

Agenda:

Welcome and Approval of December, 2010 Minutes Dinesh Patel

Research Team Review SubCmte Update Dinesh Patel
University of Utah's Wireless NanoSystems Team
University of Utah's Fossil Energy Team

Management Updates

Budget Update: Ted McAleer
Legislative Session update..... Ted
Utah State University Budget Realignment discussion Rob Behunin
"Bench to Bedside" proposal Noah Minskoff
Nassir Marrouche proposal Ted

TOIP Update..... Ted McAleer
Vin update..... Ted McAleer
MarCom Update and report on USTAR recruitment video Michael O'Malley

Other Business Dinesh Patel

Adjourn Meeting Dinesh Patel



Minutes

1. Dinesh Patel called the meeting to order at 4:45pm. Reviewed December minutes.
[December minutes approved by a unanimous vote of those present.](#)
2. Dinesh provided an overview of the two research groups that presented today: UofU Wireless NanoSystems and Fossil Energy Team.
3. Ted McAleer introduced Rob Behunin, USU
4. USU Budget Realignment:
Rob Behunin, VP of Technology Commercialization and Regional Economic Development. presented the details on the process that President Albrecht has been working to establish an updated strategic plan and a new leadership structure at USU. See PPT for details which included 3 main points: 1. Refocusing Research Teams (a new Executive committee to lead the recruitment of USTAR faculty) , 2. Re-prioritizing and augmenting resources (shifting budgets across the innovation teams and 3. Reorganizing for commercialization success under the leadership of Rob Behunin, Following a presentation of the strategic plan, Rob provided details on the updated budget.
5. Dinesh talked about the financial ramifications of the changes at USU. He stated that he is comfortable with the changes made and endorses the shifting of the budgets. [Motion made to approve the shift of \\$70k+ \(2011 already budgeted\) to accommodate the budget realignment at USU. Motion was seconded; the motion carried by a unanimous vote of those present.](#)
6. Noah Minskoff, a medical student, presented a proposal for a new program called Bench to Bedside
 - Student teams have been formed and each team has an advisory panel in place,
 - Need \$60k for this program
 - Dinesh said that USTAR doesn't have another \$60k to give to fund this project. He mentioned allowing the U to move money to fund the \$60k and that the money needs to come from the UofU's current budget.
 - Jack Brittain will speak to the U of U leadership team about reallocating \$60,000 of the U of U USTAR budget to support the program and then will follow-up with the GA board.

[Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried by a unanimous vote of those present.](#)